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The two most modern prisons of Bucharest are the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MAI) prison opposite the former Royal Palace and the Malmaison prison recently built on the former location of the Malmaison barracks, Calea Plavnei, northwest of Bucharest. These prisons are often used for prisoners who have not yet been brought to trial. As a rule, each MAI cell holds 15 to 30 prisoners. The food is generally limited and of poor quality. For no obvious reasons, certain prisoners are treated better than others and receive fairly good food; four meals a day including breakfast, a lunch of a half-liter of milk, meat and dessert, a "tea" and dinner. The prisoners are usually served the meals in their cells.

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- 2. At Malmaison, aside from the ordinary cells, there are those for two called "bachelor cells". They are 2.60 by 2.30 meters with two concrete beds in one corner separated by a table also made of concrete. There are two small windows in the room. The beds Have straw mattresses, blankets, and linen which is changed once a month. It is forbidden for the prisoner to cover his face or turn his face to the wall while sleeping. Bright electric lights are kept burning day and night. Books, newspapers and stationery are not allowed.
- 3. The prison at Jilava is much more primitive and is very damp. Although there are many prisoners in one cell, the morale there is fairly high. Small groups are organized in which political discussions are frequently held and the men exchange their opinions. There are rarely any serious uprisings. The guards are usually honest; however, they are given frequent changes of post to avoid any familiarity with prisoners.
- 4. Among the Security and prison personnel, the number of Jews and Hungarians is not at all proportionate with their percentage of the country's population. This is resulting in an increase in anti-Semitism and hatred for the Magyars. The Director-General of the Security Police, Dulghieru, whose true name is probably Dulbergher, is assisted by a Russian adviser, Colonel Nikolski.

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